REMARKS

Please enter the amendments presented above prior to calculating the filing fee.

The above amendments are made principally to correct claim dependencies of those claims which in their original form are improperly multi-dependent under U.S. practice, so that such claims will be examined, and also to eliminate all multi-dependencies in order to reduce the government filing fee. Some additional minor cosmetic amendments are made to improve the form of the claims for U.S. practice, e.g. in the case of using the proper form for Markush groupings; and the non-statutory claims 26 and 27 are deleted.

The amendments made above are made entirely without prejudice, the applicants respectfully reserving their right to add claims at a later stage commiserate in scope with any claims which may have been eliminated by removal of all multidependencies. Regardless, the amendments made above are not "narrowing" amendments, and do not constitute substantial amendments relating to patentability. The scope of the claims

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has not been reduced; no limitations have been added and none are intended.

Applicants respectfully await the results of a first examination on the merits.

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